GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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Naval Accidents
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Navy missile warship recently met with a freak accident inside naval harbor, Mumbai causing heavy damage and making it operationally unworthy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether any probe is ordered over the accidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to protect the expensive national assets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): INS Betwa, a frigate, met with an accident on 5th December, 2016. During undocking, the ship tipped over to her Port side and is presently resting on the dock floor. The extent of damage has not yet been ascertained and would be determined after up-righting the ship. No other incident of this kind has occurred in the last three years.

(c) & (d): A Board of Inquiry has been set up to investigate the incident. To protect its assets, the Indian Navy Safety Organisation was set up in October 2012. At the apex level, the organization comprises Safety Class Authorities (SCAs) who are responsible for analysing incidents and accidents, reviewing safety regulations and procedures, issuing policy directives and conducting safety assessment during the Operational Readiness Assessment.

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